

ATTENTION NEW BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE TESTERS

RE: Los Angeles County/DHS-Backflow Prevention Device Testing Policy

Los Angeles County's Backflow Prevention Device Testing Company Policy has been revised as follows:

1. Backflow prevention device testing companies (companies employing general testers) wishing to be **added** to LA County's database must have a **C-36** License. New companies must have testing **and** repair capabilities **and** be able to handle \$500.00+ contracts.
2. **Class "A"** Engineering Licensees, **C-61/D64** Limited Specialty Licensed Contractors, and **C-27** Licensed contractors **already existing** in the Cross-Connection Program Approved Employer Database shall be allowed to remain in the database as long as their state license remains active.

In addition, Los Angeles County's Backflow Prevention Device Testing Policy has been revised as follows:

1. Testing companies must submit "signed-off" test notices to the Cross-connection Program no later than 30 working days after the date of "initial test" if the device passed, or no later than 30 working days after the date of "final test" if the device initially failed, was repaired and then passed. Failure to do so will result in the removal of the tester company and/or tester from the Los Angeles County-Cross-Connection Employer/Tester Database. Said companies/testers may apply for reinstatement thirty days after said removal after written explanations are received which depict plausible and acceptable extraordinary reasons for not meeting this deadline.
2. Test notices received after the deadline mentioned in item 1 above will be subject to field audit by this Department.
3. The Cross-Connection Program from time to time will request copies of testing/repair invoices from companies picked at random so as to substantiate accuracy of testing "sign-off" dates. Significant discrepancies uncovered by this audit will result in permanent removal of the company and tester from the database. Since the Department is interested only in test date information, billing amounts on these invoices may be masked so as to maintain privacy of this information.
4. Tests performed resulting in some component failure should be submitted to the program as soon as it has been determined the repair work and retest is **not** going to be performed by the original testing company.
5. On July 1 of each year all General Testing Companies must submit on Company Letterhead Stationary a current list of Certified Backflow Prevention Device testers they employ. A revised list must be faxed to the Department as new testers are employed and as testers leave their employment.

The above Policy Revisions became effective July 1, 2001. If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Carlos Borja at (626) 430-5290.